

Nybro April 19-1964

Dear friend Oelle:

Reading yours of Feb. 10 am I reflecting over how strongly episodes of pain can grow so strongly in ones memory. Time as far back as Rock Island and our stay at Mrs. Esbjorn with our life then hardly having much more than preliminary outlook and wandering as to facts of ones expectations. So also the many and long days after the war when Mrs. Olson's hard work on sewing them skins were of so much of consequence to even my support. Know I have never given adequate expression to my appreciation for the much parttaking I was allowed. Surely, much of this kind friendships with good will, linger imbedded in our hearts. Impressions and reactions

all and so different items are part of
ones development so I have now found
it a bit difficult to graft back on
old Sweden. From such reasons have I
often entertained the wish of going
back for a visit thinking I thereby
could help closing ^{out} the remnant of reality,
I just don't know what you might de-
duct from the way I am putting this
down. It is not dissatisfaction with
life here as I feel I am loved by the
children and respected in the community
and live well enough. I know that as
is, if living in U.S.A. my wellbeing and
security would as time passes become
less ^{secure} than I may expect here. No, it is
that in ones fight for security one be-
comes embedded ⁱⁿ the aims and habits
what in those long years imposes upon
~~you~~ ^{one}. Wonder if you can get anything

out of this my philosophizing as I am not used to try to give expression and exposure to my deeper thoughts. As one more matter, I am to an extent worried of traveling alone because of my poor hearing and besides that, my high age. I would however be intensely interested to qualify to what I have put down above so day of surprise might come.

Well all in the mean-time I shall be awaiting you. Gratifies me to hear of invitation from your cousin and other relatives. You will find things here so different from the past that you actually would have to stay a little while to realize it. To enjoy the tour you would of course have to be fully relaxed which according to your present feeling you might prefer another another year or so to pass. But do not

96

wait till faculties slow down, or too much body stamina go its way. Am glad you now did not need any operation ^{wish you} and will remain feeling good.

Have not met ~~any~~ my brother since they came back so from him I have no news of anybody overseas.

Have you seen the balance of Martha pictures yet? She had lots of good ones and are more and more becoming an expert.

Have of late been bothering with hearing aids again. They are of no advantage (only newsens) but help satisfying folks here, particularly my wife.

Weather right now is wonderful one place had 25 celsius yesterday.

Give my best to Clarence.

Love to you and Etta. Eric

Eric Elgquist 9C
järnvägsg. 9

Nybro
Sweden

10/



Mr. Emil Olson

13 Mc Intosh Ave.

Clarendon Hills, Ill.

U. S. A.